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GOERING'S PAPER PRAISES BORAH'S "CLEAR HEAD"

Nazi Press in U. S. Also Lauds the Senator

Commenting on Senator Borah's opposition to President Roosevelt's plan to secure revision of the Neutrality Act, the press of Nazi Germany has consistently praised the Senator's efforts while condemning those of the President. Typical is the article in Fieldmarshal Hermann Goering's National Zeitung of Essen for July 20, in which Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull are called "war-mongers," while Borah is lauded because he "kept a clear head despite this agitation and postponed an eventual discussion on the Neutrality Act to January." With much satisfaction, Goering's paper writes: "The reason of the Senator overcame Roosevelt's war provocations."

The Nazi press in the United States took the cue with utmost alacrity. A Nazi magazine in New York succeeded in obtaining from Senator Borah an article "about the menace of war." The magazine is Today's Challenge, subtitled "official organ of the American Fellowship Forum," whose editor is the notorious German propagandist, Dr. Friedrich E. Auhagen, assisted by that ardent admirer of the Imperial and Nazi Reich, George Sylvester Viereck. Senator Borah's article arguing for isolationism appears on pp. 20-21 of the June-July issue of the camouflaged Nazi magazine. On p. 21 Borah's article is followed by a vignette -- a verse entitled "No Enemy" by Viereck. A special editorial note on p. 20 indicates that the Senator's article was not reprinted from some other publication without his permission, as might be supposed, but was "placed at our disposal by the veteran statesman" himself. It is of interest to note that recently a German consul in a large American city complimented Today's Challenge on its "excellent work."

Father Coughlin's pro-Nazi Social Justice used a signed article by Senator Borah ("Our Frontiers Lie at Home") in its issue of February 27, 1939, and applauded his stand on the neutrality question in the issues of May 8, May 29, June 26 and August 7, to cite but a few occasions. Fritz Kuhn's Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter of July 27 praised Borah for pooh-poohing Roosevelt's and Hull's predictions of the European war if Hitler was not made to reflect by a revision of the U. S. Neutrality Act. Kuhn's headline ran: "Borah Says he has as Reliable Information about the European Situation as the State Department and Discounts its Alarming Statements."

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IMPORTANT ARRESTS OF NAZI SPIES EXPECTED SHORTLY

Theft of U. S. Aircraft and Navy Secrets Involved

The Hour exclusively learns that the U. S. Federal authorities are shortly expected to swoop down and arrest the members of a Nazi spy ring which exceeds in size any espionage chain ever captured in this country. The Federal agents working on this case describe it tersely as "hellish."

Invaluable secrets of several branches of the American armed forces, including those of the aircraft and navy departments, have been stolen and sold to foreign governments, it has been learned. The investigators are working in full cooperation with the immigration authorities on the West Coast and the Canadian border, as well as with Coast Guard headquarters on every shore, to prevent the escape of the Nazi agents who are known to have already been tipped off.

Three persons, known in Nazi circles as "Oscopy," "The Doc" and "Volby," are among the leaders of the ring checked and trailed by the Federal men. "Oscopy" arrived in this country fairly recently, and is known to have brought sizeable funds to intensify the ring's operations in view of the European war. "The Doc" is the pseudonym of a woman-doctor who is said to occupy the same position as that held by Dr. Ignatz T. Griebel, leader of the Nazi spy ring smashed by G-men last year. Of "Volby" little is known except that he was involved in several scandals with New York women.

The disappearance and ultimate sale to both Germany and Japan of the U. S. Navy Department's highly prized code-scrambling machine may be said to have served as the first important lead to the existence of the ring. More than one million dollars were spent by the Navy to perfect the machine.

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PRAGUE FIGHTS HITLER

From reliable Czechoslovak sources in Paris, The Hour learns that the revolt of the Czechs and Slovaks against Hitler is not a matter of the last few days. It began weeks ago, and has been increasing from day to day. When Hitler began the war, Prague became full of illegal leaflets. The Maffia, the famous secret organization created under Masaryk and Benes in 1914-18, was renewed. Its brilliant propaganda campaign was so successful that the Nazi authorities in Prague cancelled the anti-air raid blackouts, since these proved the finest opportunity for the distribution of illegal papers. Frequently, while German troops marched through the streets, trolley-cars would be overturned "by accident," blocking their way. When the Nazi military tried to carry out the final steps for the dissolution of the former Czechoslovak army, they discovered that numerous guns and other munitions were missing. There were some arrests in this connection, but in general the Nazis were unable to find either the persons responsible for the hiding of the arms or the places where the weapons were concealed. It is understood that Czechoslovak army members did the job. The riots of the last few days are held to be but a beginning of far more serious troubles in the "protectorate."

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FASCIST "DAY" CANCELLED IN CHICAGO

Unfavorable Publicity Held as Cause

The "Gentile Day," announced for September 24 in Chicago by a combination of Nazi Bund -- Christian Front -- Father Coughlin forces, has been called off, The Hour learns. The rally was to take place at the Aldine Hall, 911 W. Armitage Avenue, with George Deatherage and sundry Bundites as main speakers. The moving spirit of the enterprise was Raymond Joseph Healy, Chicago's "Irish Hitler," since August 3 on a six-month probation for disorderly conduct while distributing his fascist literature (see The Hour for August 30). The adverse publicity given to his plans for the September 24 rally is held to be the chief reason for the cancellation of the "Day." Otto Schultz, proprietor of the Aldine Hall, told our Chicago correspondent that the numerous protests he had received compelled him to cancel the meeting, and that he washes his hands of all such un-American activities.

Has Anyone Seen Healy?

The present whereabouts of Healy presents a minor mystery. Our Chicago man went to the address given in Healy's publication as headquarters of his "Irish American Patriots" and "Gentile Workers' Party," in West Chicago Avenue, and discovered it to be the publishing and printing office of Our Banner, an Ukrainian weekly of the fascist "United Hetman Organizations." Nicholas Maronetz, of the Hetman fascists, was scheduled to be among the speakers of the "Gentile Day," but when our informant inquired as to the whereabouts of Healy and his groups, the Ukrainians replied that they had put him out. In a formal announcement printed in the Ukrainian weekly, the Hetman fascists disclaimed any connection with Healy and his henchmen: "Our address has been misused by them without our knowledge, authority or consent. If these parties shall not cease their attempts to identify themselves with us we hereby serve notice upon them by this means that proper legal steps shall be taken by us to compel them to desist." The notice was printed shortly after Healy was sentenced to a fine and probation.

Our Chicago correspondent also tried to search for Healy at the Nazi Bund headquarters in the Haus Vaterland. George Froboese, the Mid-western fuehrer, smiled cynically as he replied: "You are always looking for the wrong thing and the wrong party here." The general impression is that after Healy's trouble with the authorities the other fascist leaders and organizations decided it would not be quite healthy to identify themselves with him.

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GENERAL ALMAZAN WORRIED BY THE HOUR REVELATIONS

Alarmed by our revelations of his alliance with the Nazis (see The Hour for September 9), General Almazan felt it necessary to disclaim his sympathy for Hitler and his cooperation with Nazi agents in Mexico. Almazan's statement was issued through the Associated Press in Mexico City. The Hour will shortly print further data on the Nazi-Almazan tie and its relation to the North American scene.

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U. S. AND CONN. AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATE VONSIATSKY

Act on The Hour Data -- Validity of Citizenship
and Legality of Arsenal Questioned

Special agents have been assigned by the U. S. Department of Labor to investigate the case of "Count" Anastase Vonsiatsky, the notorious Russian fascist of Thompson, Conn., who is among the close friends and collaborators of Fritz Kuhn, the Bund leader. On July 30 The Hour revealed that, prior to his coming to this country and becoming an American citizen, Vonsiatsky had participated in torture murders committed in the Crimea. Vonsiatsky's own description of the killings, and of his part therein, appeared in a Russian newspaper in Paris in 1921. A photo-stat of his article was turned over by us to the U. S. Department of Labor, and an investigation was suggested of whether or not the naturalization officials of the Department knew of Vonsiatsky's participation in killings when they granted his application for American citizenship. The investigation was begun by the Department after the receipt of our data.

A separate probe of Vonsiatsky's activities since coming to the United States and settling in Connecticut is now being carried on by the Connecticut State Police. The police are interested in the private arsenal maintained by the "Count" on his Thompson estate, and in other similar matters. Copies of our publication of July 30 and August 15, with revelations of Vonsiatsky's past and present, have been secured by the Connecticut State Police to serve as a guide in the investigation. (The Hour photo of part of Vonsiatsky's arsenal appears on Page 17 of Liberty magazine for September 30, 1939.)

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NATIVE FASCISTS AND GERMAN NAZIS COOPERATE IN BOSTON

We present a partial roster of individuals prominent in Bundist, Coughlinite and similar anti-democratic strata of Boston:

1) Paul Dorrwachter, fuehrer of the several Bund units in the metropolitan area, residing in Jamaica Plain. (Two of these units are in the West Roxbury section, meeting semi-monthly in the Liederkranz Hall and the Turnverein Hall.) 2) John Briggs, said to be a recent Harvard student in sociology, who lived on the campus grounds in Cambridge until unfavorable publicity about the Bund in the Boston newspapers persuaded him to move, reportedly to the southeastern part of the city. 3) Myles Hayes, head of the "Economic Security League." 4) Mrs. James Cunningham Gray, well past middle age and a member of an old and distinguished Boston family. Long a generous financial supporter of "super-American" organizations, Mrs. Gray was recently referred to by General George Van Horn Moseley as a "wonderful patriot." She works closely with the notorious fascist, Colonel E. M. Sanctuary of the American Christian Defenders. 5) Francis P. Moran of the Christian Front. He it was who engineered a recent meeting of the Front in the Mechanics' Hall of Boston. Some of his activities are closely paralleled by 6) Edward H. Hunter,



founder of the avowedly anti-Semitic "Industrial Defense Committee." Both Hunter and Moran distribute the literature of Father Coughlin, Edmondson and their kind, but Moran is the chief liason officer between the Coughlinites and their allies in the Boston district.

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DETROIT'S PRO-FASCISTS TRY TO PENETRATE INTO CIO

Well-Known Hitlerite Policy Intensified Since the War

Our Detroit correspondent informs us that the outbreak of the European war has served as a signal for the intensification of the Nazi policy to penetrate the labor unions, particularly in the automobile industry. We have already indicated (The Hour, September 9) that pro-fascist persons linked with the German-American Bund hold leading positions in Homer Martin's A. F. of L. automobile workers' union. This week we are advised that as their next step the pro-fascists are increasing their efforts to gain a foothold in the CIO United Automobile Workers' Union.

Overtures to the UAW for affiliation with the CIO union have been made by J. J. Griffin, president of the Tool and Die Craftsmen, an alleged company union. The United Automobile Workers' officials probably do not know that meetings of Parker Sage's National Workers' League are held in the hall of J. J. Griffin in the Garfield Building, and that Parker Sage has close connections with the Nazi Bund. The Hour has been informed that bulletins for the League are turned out on the mimeograph in the offices of Griffin's Tool and Die Craftsmen. Griffin has attended meetings of Sage's League and has offered jobs to unemployed workers at 40 cents per hour in tool and die shops on the condition that they join the pro-fascist organization.

Definite proof of the connection of Griffin and the pro-Nazi League is contained in the Labor Day edition of The Craftsman's Clarion, official paper of the Tool and Die Craftsmen, which carries an advertisement of Sage's pro-Nazi organization, the National Workers' League. The publication of Griffin's paper was announced at a private meeting of that League.

We learn from our Detroit representative that the National Workers' League does not limit itself to the already won connection with Griffin, but is seeking to form ties with various ousted CIO organizers. The idea is to entice such men to organize union members for the pro-fascist group.

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